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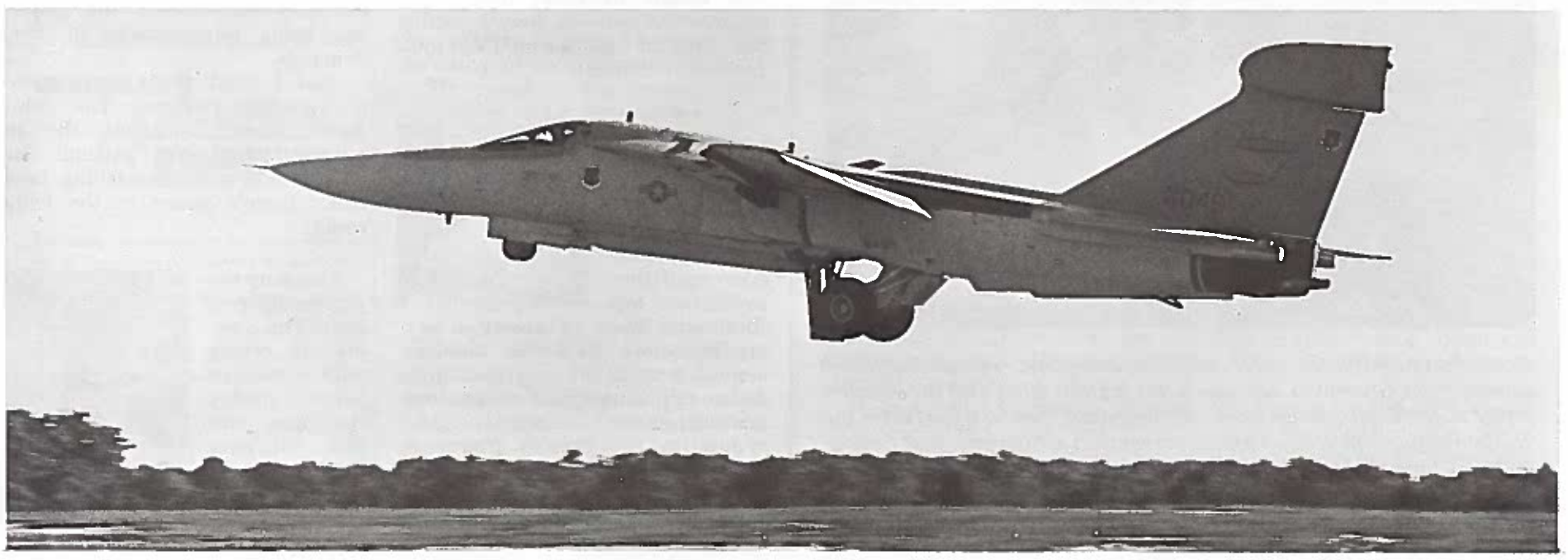

people

Top 100

Florida Governor Bob Graham recently approved the nomination of George Skurla, Grumman Aerospace President, as a member of the prestigious Florida Council of 100.

Founded in 1961, this council is a cross section of the state's business and educational leaders. Members promote the economic welfare of Florida and provide a liaison between the Governor's office and the state's business community.

Bound for D.C.

Don Imgram, director of Space Programs, has been selected for the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics' Congressional Fellow Program for the 1981-82 term.

AIAA and nine other engineering or scientific societies sponsor Congressional Fellows. Each year since 1974 the Institute has chosen a Fellow to spend a year on Capitol Hill in the office of a representative, senator or committee, contributing technical expertise while acquiring behind-the-scenes knowledge of the Congressional process.

After a brief orientation period in September, Imgram will receive his assignment.

Good fellow

George Collins, manager of Reprographics, was recently selected the first In-plant Printing Management Association (IMPA) Fellow Member.

Collins is a charter member of the Long Island Chapter and served as its first president. According to another member of the group, Collins "has worked hard to make the chapter meetings a way to develop management ability, form friendships with colleagues, and exchange ideas."

Manager of '81

The New York State Society of Professional Engineers (NYSSPE) recently presented its Professional Engineering Manager of the Year award to Gil Friedenreich.

Friedenreich is manager of Systems Analysis and Integration.

He is a long-term member of the society's Nassau County Chapter and has been especially active in local activities. Friedenreich has chaired numerous committees and has been an elected member of the board of directors for the past 10 years.

Gone fishin. *After 51 years with the company, George Burkhardt retired from Grumman Aerospace last month. What's on his schedule next? A little golf, some work on the house, maybe a long drive out to California. 'I'm really looking forward to retirement, says George. 'I'll have time to sit back and enjoy my family and watch the squirrels that live in the woods at the edge of my property.' Will he move south? 'Nope . . . we're staying right here in the land of high taxes.'*

what do you think?

As the baseball strike continues, and both players and owners refuse to budge, concern over the original issue of compensation for free agents begins to wane. . .and millions of Americans wait for their favorite pastime to reappear in the stadium and on the screen.

What do Grummanites think about the strike and what are they doing now instead of watching baseball? We went to McKay Field's Picnic in the Park on June 24 to find out.

Mike Falco

I love the sport, but I think they all make too much money. It's ridiculous. After five years, they're set for life and can retire — when it takes other people 40-50 years. And they're complaining?

What am I doing since I'm not watching baseball? Waiting for football season!

Joan Garbarino

I just wish they would get it over with so I could go back and watch the Yankees. I think there are valid points on both sides but I have to sympathize with the players. The owners gave them free agency and now they want to take it away. So now I'm watching a lot of old movies.

Gloria Ashby

I don't think there will be baseball for the rest of the season. I'm a Yankee fan. If they're not with any one ball club for any length of time, they don't deserve the benefits they're asking for. Without baseball on TV, I look for horror movies.

Eileen Brett

The baseball strike? Well, it leaves my family with very little to do, as far as the men are concerned (that includes my four sons and my husband). As far as I'm concerned, I think it's terrific. It gives us an opportunity for more communication.

Just this past Sunday afternoon, my husband and I were watching golf, and talking about it. And I wonder what effect this may have on young children who see their heroes on strike. But it's a source of entertainment for many, many people, so I hope it will soon be resolved.

Joe Foley

The players don't get any benefits. That's what they're fighting for. An average rookie is making $30,000 a year and if he has a bad year, he's sent to a farm team. He wants a retirement program, some kind of pension. . .the same as you and I.

In my opinion, some of them are paid too much. Everyone should get the same amount and if they play well — then they should receive a bonus at the end of the year. A set salary will give them more incentive. If they know a cash bonus is possible, they'll try harder, play better and improve as a team. After all, it is a team effort.

Joe Brandt

I think the owners have brought the situation on themselves by offering big money and big deals. They've created these million dollar players. But the clubs wouldn't survive if they gave the players an option on the free agent clause. I also believe the players are being unreasonable in their demands.

And I think these "superstars" are grossly overpaid. The "skill code" doesn't warrant the remuneration they're getting! But now that I'm not watching baseball. . .there's peace in the living room!

Arthur Riley

I back up the players 100 percent. The owners are crying with a loaf of bread under their arm. And the players have been held in slavery for many, many years. I hear Steinbrenner clears $7 million a year. It's incredible.

Gov. Hughes applauds Glen Arm's growth

GLEN ARM, MARYLAND, June 26, 1981 — "Grumman Aerospace does things right," said Maryland Governor Harry Hughes at a ceremony today marking the opening of Grumman's new Plant 56-2.

The Governor pressed a button and started one of the new facility's huge milling machines, officially opening the 62,000 square foot plant. Also present for the ceremony were Executive Vice President-Operations John O'Brien, Vice President-Resources Bob Myers,Vice President-Manufacturing Frank Messina, Glen Arm's plant manager Paul Causey, local government officials, and Glen Arm Grummanites.

Environmental concerns

Governor Hughes said that the new building served as proof that "we can have a healthy economy and a healthy environment; they don't have to be mutually exclusive.

"The people of Grumman Aerospace have done what they said they would do," said the Governor. "They've worked with local and state government and provided a clean operation. They've proven that our concerns are their concerns, too.

"I'm pleased to see them expand. We want to attract new business to the state of Maryland. . . but we also want to see the established ones grow."

The Governor indicated that the project was a model for partnership between government and private industry.

The new building, built across Long Green Pike from the original plant, brings total floor space at Grumman Glen Arm to 254,000 square feet. Growth was necessary to accommodate increased production on the Boeing 767 wing center section and other programs. Over 250 people now work at Glen Arm, one of the largest and most sophisticated machining operations on the east coast. Eighty more people will work in the new plant when it is operating at full capacity.

Grumman's expansion at Glen Arm had met with initial resistance from area residents. Long Green Valley is lush, hilly farmland; further industrialization was seen as a threat to the countryside.

Good neighbor

"But I think we have convinced the people of Long Green Valley that Grumman is a good neighbor," said John O'Brien. "We are concerned that the streams run clear. We want to breathe clean air, and we enjoy an uncluttered landscape."

The company has set aside acreage which will remain undeveloped and serve as a buffer between the facility and its neighbors. Extensive landscaping is already underway to minimize the building's industrial look. In addition, Grumman has promised to limit the size of its buildings.

O'Brien pointed out that Grumman's presence greatly benefits the area. "Our 250 employees have an annual payroll of over $5 million that is spent here," he stated. "And Grumman itself annually pays out nearly $25 million to firms in Maryland.

"We have learned a lesson that many in our society never learn," said O'Brien. "That through open and honest discussion, agreement can be reached that allows economic development and environmental protection."

Commenting on the future of the Glen Arm facility, Paul Causey stated, "We are in a period of real growth — as strong as any we've seen since 1967 when this plant was established.

"Grumman will capitalize on Glen Arm's sophisticated machinery and skilled personnel as the demand for commercial and military aircraft increases in the years ahead."

Showing off. *Gov. Harry Hughes (L) is guided through Grumman's Glen Arm facility with Executive Vice President John O'Brien (C) and plant manager Paul Causey.*

Iran vets plan reunion

All those who worked in Iran on the F-14 program are invited to a reunion on Saturday, July 25, from noon to 5 p.m. at the Great River picnic grounds.

Admission prices are $6 for adults, and $3 for children aged six to 12; children under six will be admitted free. Make checks payable to: VIP Picnic.

Included in the admission price are hamburgers, hot dogs, chicken and salads. Attendees will supply their own beverages.

If you wish to attend, look for the notices on your plant bulletin boards for the name of the picnic representative in your area. No tickets will be sold at the gate.

Those currently living off Long Island who are interested in coming to the picnic should contact Don Bennett, (516) 575-5130 in Bethpage. His address is Grumman Aerospace Corp., C41-05, Bethpage, N.Y. 11714.

'Celebration'

New film stars Grummanites

"The weather was murky but spirits were bright," and you can relive that day, and share it with others in your community.

It's "Celebration," a film about that rainy but remarkable day in October 1980 when 40,000 people celebrated Grumman's 50th anniversary. Copies of "Celebration" are available from the Film Library in Plant 25 to Grummanites who would like to show it at club meetings or other civic and social gatherings.

"Celebration" begins with a honky-tonk piano playing to scenes of the early years. The film takes you on through the war years and, finally, to Family Day. You'll see and hear Grummanites and Grumman planes past and present. You might even see yourself.

The film is a fine way to acquaint your neighbors with Grumman. As one Grummanite says in the film, "Until you see it up close, you can't realize what Grumman is all about."

"Celebration" is one of more than 60 films on aircraft, space and other subjects. These films are available in 16mm color sound and three-quarter inch videotape. You must have your own projector or videotape machine.

If you'd like to reserve "Celebration," or get a list of available films, call Marge Dean, Ext. 8919. Because the number of copies of each film is limited, please reserve your copy as far in advance as possible.

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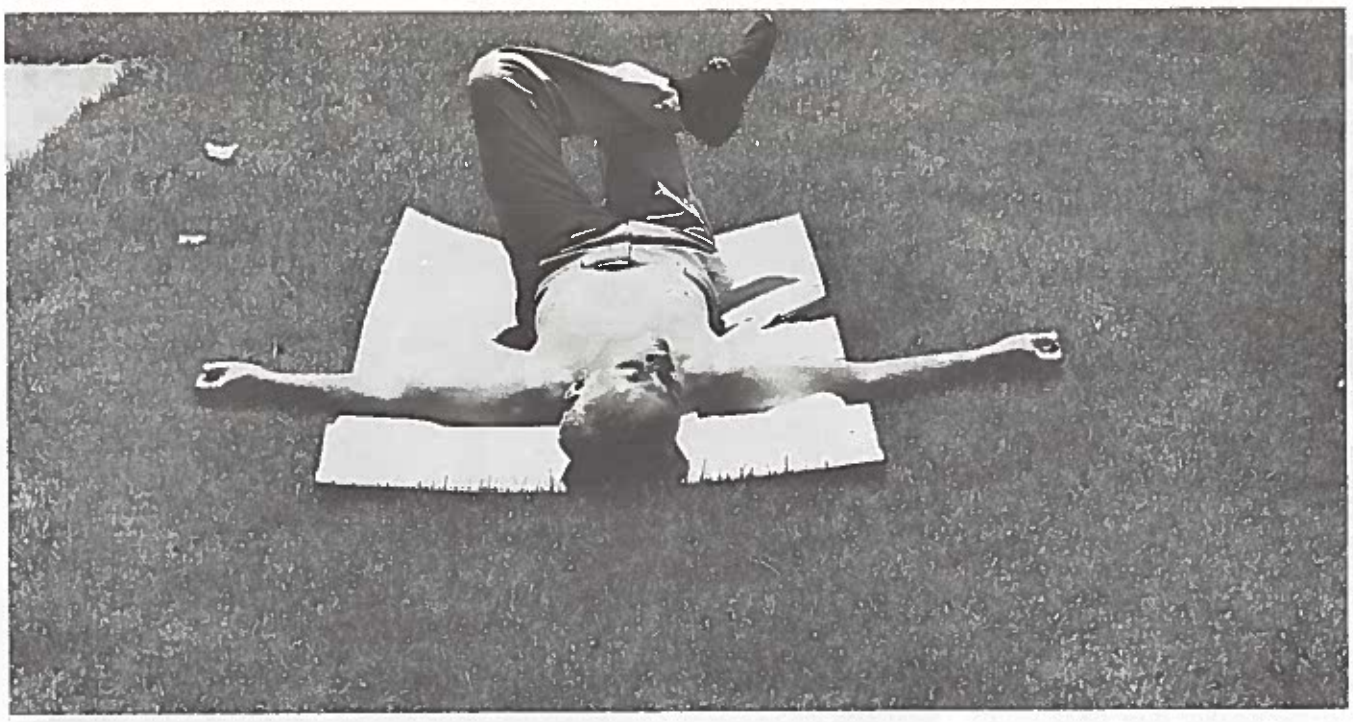


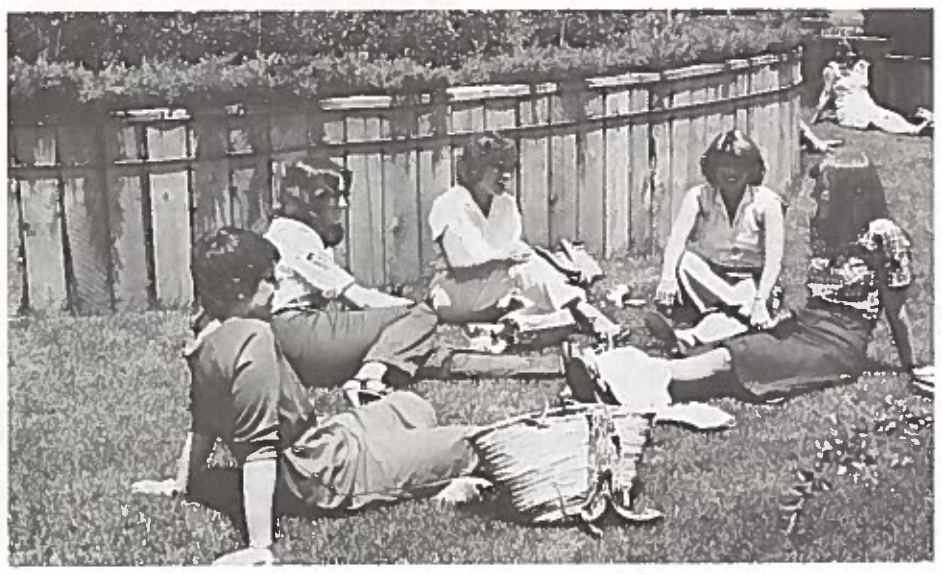
The game at lunchtime is finding your place in the sun

Ah, Summertime! When the living is easy, many Grummanites spend their lunchtime outdoors.

The more energetic run a minimarathon around the Bethpage complex. "Play ball" can be heard in all corners of the Grumman fields. It's also a fine time for a friendly, but competitive, game of volleyball, bocce, horseshoes, miniature golf, and shuffleboard.

Not everyone cares about burning off calories in the high noon sun. A lot of Grumman folks just use their free time to soak in the rays or chat with their pals under the shade of a tree.

Whatever they do during lunch, the fresh air and sunshine make the afternoon go a little faster.



EF-111A roars past a milestone

CALVERTON, June 26, 1981 — The time is 7 a.m., and it's quiet on the flight line. The EF-111A parked on the apron on the other side of the blast fence from Plant 7 has only its flight crew, ground crew and a few photographers for company. The only sounds are the footsteps of the ground crew as they walk around the plane for one last look.

"Battery on," says pilot Chuck Sewell. Then, a hum builds around the plane as Sewell and Doug Herd, who is sitting in the right seat, continue their pre-flight checks.

7:12 — Sewell and Herd close their hatches. The ground crew puts on ear protection because the engines have begun to turn. The noise builds.

7:41 — Leo Hesler, who is the senior plane captain for this flight, has been slowly rolling up his intercom cable. He disconnects it from the plane, walks a few paces in front, and faces the cockpit. He's watching his ground crew. Then, he thrusts his arms out sideways and the crew pulls away the wheel chocks. With hand signals he guides the pilot away from the parking area toward the runway.

The first flight of the first production EF-111A is about to begin.

Unofficially dubbed the "Electronic Fox" by some Grummanites, this plane is the first production model of 42 EF-111As Grumman will build for the Air Force. Grumman starts with an F-111A aircraft and modifies it into a Tactical Jamming System designed to counter the detection, tracking and interception of a strike force by enemy air defenses.

This plane will be delivered to the Air Force this November, but, right now, it's in the hands of Chuck Sewell, Grumman's chief test pilot, and Doug Herd, the EF-111 weapon system operator.

Gone. *It's wheels up for the first flight of the first production EF-111A Grumman has built for the Air Force. Grumman's Chuck Sewell and Doug Herd took the Tactical Jamming System aircraft to a maximum altitude of 44,000 feet and hit a top speed of nearly twice the speed of sound.*

Airborne

At 7:57 this clear, bright Friday morning, a voice is heard over the loudspeakers in the Flight Operations Center. "Flight two, you are cleared for takeoff." There are 10 people in the room. No one makes a sound. They are all looking out the window toward runway 1—4.

Then, with a roar, the EF-111A flies by in a sweeping, left-hand turn and is gone.

"Piece of cake!"

"Four thousand gray hairs. But, other than that, it was a piece of cake."

As the flight progresses, the mood in the Flight Operations Center is calm and relaxed. Only occasionally does Sewell's voice come over the speaker, which, according to one engineer, is a good sign. The less talk there is, the better the flight is going. There isn't much for the people in the room to do but sit and wait.

Then, at 9:23, everyone in the room hears Sewell's voice. "I'm coming to the field to do some touch-and-goes." With that, everyone who doesn't have to remain in the room heads for the stairs and the northeast side of Plant 7. Once outside, they all look to the east to catch the first glimpse.

"Here it comes," someone calls out. "Look at that beauty!"

Twelve minutes later, Leo Hesler is once again giving hand signals as Sewell brakes the plane to a stop.

"Okay! Complete," says Sewell. He and Herd climb down from the cockpit and are greeted by Air Force Majors Tom Milligan and Austin Thomas, who yell, "Good show!"

After Sewell shakes hands with his plane captain, everyone heads for the conference room and the debrief. "It was a delight," says Vern Kramer, the EF-111 program director. "It's another milestone."

During the two hours Sewell and Herd had the plane in the sky they had reached a top speed of 1.85 times the speed of sound and an altitude of 44,000 feet.

As Sewell says, "It's a good bird."

Getting set. *Leo Hesler, a senior plane captain, is the communication link between the ground and flight crews. Though Leo has launched about 300 planes, "This one was special, because of all the effort everyone put into it." (Photos by Gerry Costello)*

Need a ride?

AMITYVILLE, COPIAGUE, MASSAPEQUA: area riders needed, 8-4:30 shift. L. MILLER X4575/691-6550 aft 6 pm

BETHPAGE: Plt 111 to Plainview (Algiers St) ride needed, will pay wkly. M.T. Moses X1948 eves only 5 pm

BROOKLYN: Ocean Pkwy to Bethpage, riders wanted to join existing 2 person car pool. S. Ruzi X7995

COMMACK/DIX HILLS AREA: (2) riders wanted to join existing 2 man car pool. L. Cotignola X3313

COMMACK: to Plt 30, 8am shift, existing carpool seeks 4th member. J. DeMarco, X6992

GLEN COVE: Ride wanted to Plt 45, Woodbury. 671-1023

HAMPTONS/RIVERHEAD: to Bethpage, need person(s) for existing carpool. L. Pastore X7420

HOLBROOK: Car pool or ride to Plt 3, 7-3:30. J. Cavola, X3947

HOLTSVILLE: to Bethpage, 7-3:30, need third and fourth to join existing car pool. B. White X8791

NORTHPORT/GREENLAWN area: to Plt 35, college student needs ride, will share gas costs, 8-4:30. K. Kerpez, AN1-3624

OCEANSIDE/LONG BEACH ROAD area: to Bethpage, 7:45-4:18 or 7:30-4:00. G. Thompson, X5987 or RO6-1572

PATCHOGUE: to Plt 14, 8-4:30, looking for one man to join 3 man pool. B. Carlough, X8551

Annual family affair

Don't forget to buy picnic tickets today

No tix will be sold at the gate

Only six more days remain to buy tickets for the 40th Annual Grumman Family Picnic on Saturday, July 18.

Tickets are now on sale at all Employee Services (ES) offices. Admission is $4 per person; kids under 12 years of age are admitted free. *No tickets will be sold at the gate.*

All Grummanites and their family members living under the same roof are invited. Singles may bring along a date.

What's happening

What do you get for $4? A bundle of activities for folks of all ages and plenty of food and beverages — hotdogs, ice cream, milk, soda and beer.

A full schedule of games and entertainment is on tap. There will be dancing and sporting events, softball and kiddie boxing bouts. The picnic ground's rides — such as the tilt-a-whirl, merry-go-round, caterpillar, boat rides, railroads and mini-Ferris wheel — will be in full swing.

Although the Calverton gates open at 8 a.m., the family outing officially begins with the flag raising ceremony near the bandstand at 10 a.m.

Games galore

Following that ceremony, the action switches to the athletic field near the large merry-go-round. Various sporting events and games such as 30-yard potato sack races, wheelbarrow races, egg throwing contests and three-legged races will test the athletic skills of young and old.

If you have dancing feet, the the Grumman Employees Band will furnish dance music from 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., take a short break, then play until 4:45 p.m.

Showtime

At high noon, the traditional kiddie show kicks off. The entertainment features magicians, clowns and animal acts.

Immediately following the show are the kiddie boxing bouts. If your son wishes to participate, you must fill out an application form at your local ESO by Friday, July 17. There will be no sign-ups at the picnic.

While at the picnic, make sure you hold onto your ticket stubs. At 2:30 p.m. the prize drawing — for tv sets and large and small appliances — begins. ES representatives will announce the lucky winners of over 100 prizes.

Come prepared

If this is your first picnic, here are a few tips that might come in handy.

Food — Though there will be plenty of hotdogs, ice cream, soda, milk and beer, a lot of picnickers bring along their own specialties. Many also bring charcoal grills.

Beverages — Since beer and soda are handed out in cups, it is a good idea to take along pitchers to carry your drinks back to your picnic site.

Arrival — In past years, picnic tables were claimed early in the morning. Arranging for one member of your party to come early (about 8 a.m.) to set up camp is recommended. Use the map on this page to arrange where to meet your friends.

Miscellaneous — Other items to have on hand that day are a few lawn chairs, a tablecloth and a cooler.

Weather or not

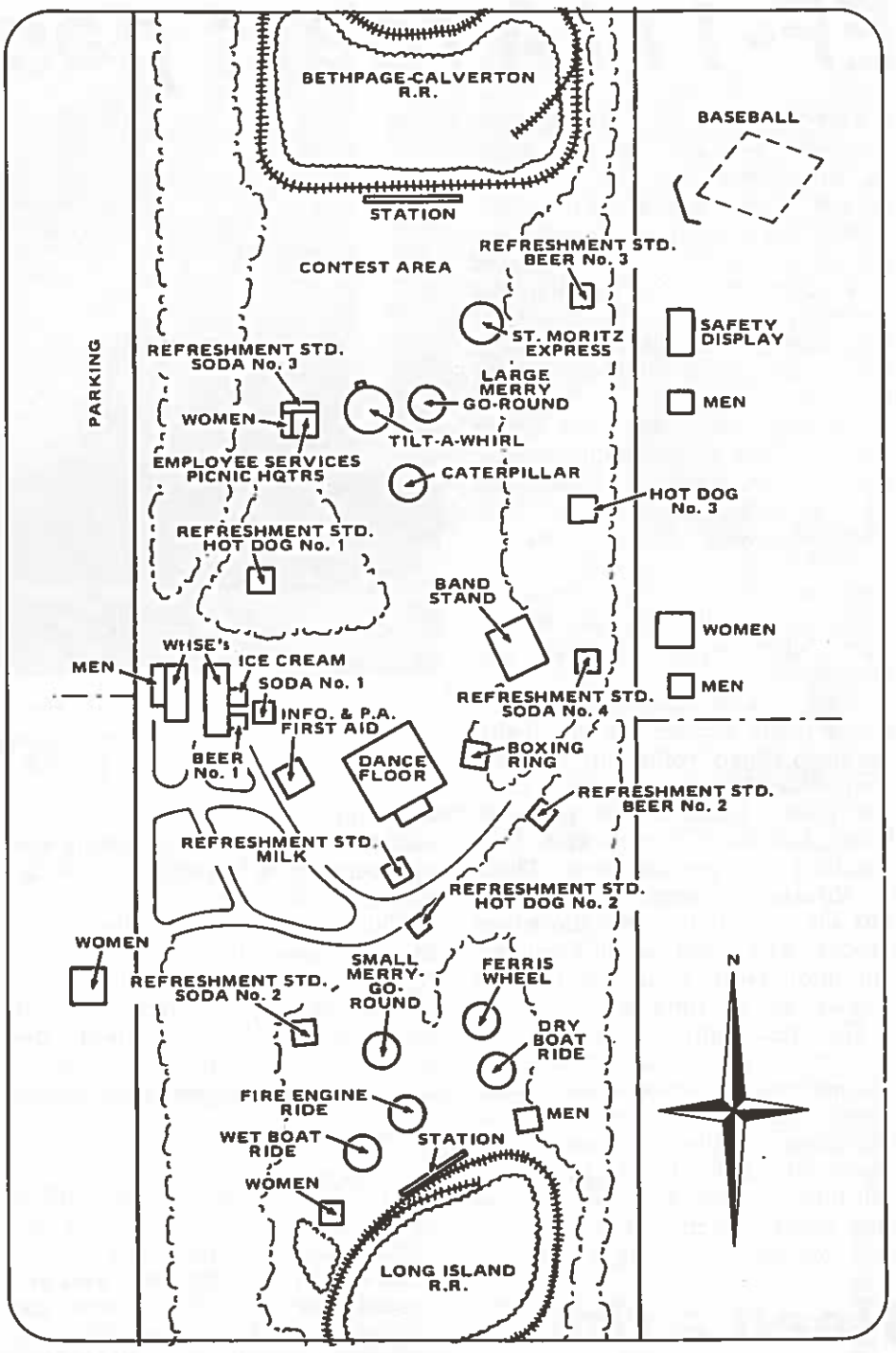
If it should rain on July 18, the picnic will be rescheduled for Sunday, July 19. If a postponement is necessary, it will be announced early Saturday morning over the following radio stations:

WBAB, Babylon (FM 102.3); WNYG, Babylon (1440 AM); WGBB, Freeport (1240 AM; WLIR, Garden City (FM 92.3); WHLI, Hempstead (1100 AM); WGSM, Huntington (740 AM); WLIX, Islip (540 AM); WALK, Patchogue (FM 97.5, AM 1370); WRIV, Riverhead (1390 AM); and WLGN, Sag Harbor (1600 AM).

You can also find out about a postponement by calling LR 5-3391 or LR 5-3895.

Directions to the Calverton picnic grounds are: Take the Long Island Expressway to exit 69, Wading River Road, head north to Route 25, turn right and follow signs; or LIE to exit 68, William Floyd Parkway, north to Route 25, turn right and follow the signs. From the east, you may prefer to go north on Edwards Avenue, Exit 71 off the LIE. Make a left onto Grumman Road, then follow the signs.

Remember to pick up your tickets today.



ENERGY TIPS

The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) offers the following tips to save hot water energy.

- Repair leaky faucets promptly.
- Do as much household cleaning as possible with cold water.
- Insulate your hot water storage tank and piping.
- Energy-efficient water heaters may cost a little more initially, but reduced operating costs can more than make up for the higher outlay.
- Buy a water heater with thick insulation on the shell. While it may cost more than one without this conservation feature, the savings in energy costs over the years will more than repay you.
- Add insulation around the water heater you now have if it's inadequately insulated, but be sure not to block off needed air vents. That would create a safety hazard, especially with oil and gas water heaters. When in doubt, get professional help. When the water heater is well-insulated, you should save from $8 to $20 a year in energy costs; much more if it's located in an unheated area of the house.
- Check the temperature on your water heater. Most water heaters are set for 140°F or higher, but you may not need water that hot unless you have a dishwasher. A setting of 120°F can provide adequate hot water for most families.

obituaries

ALAN DREYER of Repair Control, Pl. 2, died June 11 at the age of 33. He had been with the company since 1966 and resided at 2587 New York Ave., Melville.

CHARLES T. SOHL of Mfg. Scheduling, Pl. 40, died June 13 at the age of 65. He had been with the company since 1965 and resided at 66 Station Road, Bellport.

RENE VALDES JR., of Supplier Control, Pl. 30, died June 17 at the age of 52. He had been with the company since 1961 and resided at 12 Blue Top Rd., Setauket.

scorecard

Perfecto!

The 1981 season must be ripe for hole-in-ones. Mike Maggiore of Plant 43 just joined the long list of Grumman golfers who took only one stroke to put the ball in the cup.

Maggiore was playing with fellow Grummanites Rocky Famiglietti, Don Schultz and Doug Morgan at the Timber Point Golf Course in Great River. The Great River Worm Burners league golfer stepped up to the sixth tee on the White Course with his trusty nine-iron. With one mighty swing, Maggiore hit the ball 118 yards from the tee to the cup.

Mixed Pinehurst

Pete Obedzinski and Helen Greiff combined forces to beat out 58 golfers and win the first Mixed Pinehurst tourney of the season.

The winning combo shot 40 for nine holes on the Yellow Course of the Bethpage State Park. Finishing in a tie for second place with 42 were the teams of Gene Goltz and Bella Cherry, and Howard Fraser and Rita Looney.

The next Mixed Pinehurst is slated for Wednesday, July 29 on the Blue Course. It costs $12 per two-person team to play.

Here's how the Mixed Pinehurst tourney works: The man and woman making up each team both drive from the tee, but play the other's ball on the second shot. For the third shot, they choose the best lie of the two and alternate playing the ball until they hole out.

The team with the lowest gross score wins a trophy. There are also kickers' drawing prizes. To win one of these, you and your partner pick a handicap (for nine holes) before you start, which, when subtracted from your final score, will give you a net score between 30 and 40. Those who fall into the range will be eligible for a prize drawing.

The final Mixed Pinehurst of the 1981 season will take place on Wednesday, August 26. For more information, call Mike Cherry, Ext. 2133.

Winning strokes

The Grumman varsity golf team kicked off the 1981 season in fine style.

At the Fifth Annual L.I. Public Golf Course Championship on June 11 at the Pine Hills Country Club in Hauppauge, the squad got a chance to limber up for the upcoming matches.

Team captain Jim Minsky finished third in the 36-hole tourney with 77-76-153. Other varsity members participating were: Perry DiMattia (158), Joe Gambino (164), Jim Alverson (166), Steve Lake (167), Bob Murray (169), and Al Herring (173).

When it came time for the season opener against Fairchild Republic, the Grumman golfers were ready. They won the match 7½ to ½. Minsky and Gambino took four points in their match, while Alverson and Murray grabbed 3½ points.

Foiled. *The Grumman Fencing Club meets every Wednesday from 4:30 to 6 p.m. in the Plant 28A Recreation building. The club is open to all Grummanites, retirees and their family members. For more information, contact J. Hayne, Ext. 5556 or P. Chaldaris, Ext. 3638.*

Indian summer

How does Canada in the late summer sound? The Recreation Department is sponsoring a bus trip from September 5 to 16 to Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island.

The excursion costs $540 per person for triple occupancy per room; $598 for double; and $748 for single. The package includes transportation, hotel accommodations, 10 dinners, all gratuities and taxes, and tours of Cabot Trail, Magnetic Hill, Port Royal, Fort Ann, Halifax, Evangeline Trail, Cape Breton, and a cruise on the Bay of Fundy.

If you'd like to take advantage of this Recreation vacation, contact Ellen Drasser, Ext. 2133.

The eagle lands

An eagle has landed again, this time with a Best of Show award for Wayne Kay in Stuart's fourth annual Hobby Show, held June 1 through 4. This year's show, one of the largest so far, drew 90 entrants to compete in 22 categories.

Kay, a power plant engineer in Plant 77, had taken the same honor in the show two years ago. His winning entry this year was a fabric and foil picture of an eagle landing on the limb of a tree. He says that it took him two weeks to construct the picture from a kit. He also took second place in the flying model category.

The first and second place winners in each category are:

Ceramics: Marianne Nutt and Leslie Blakesley; **Dressmaking:** Pam Harless and Nancy Brown; **Embroidery:** Stephanie Russell and Hazel Murphy; **Fine Art:** Charles Weslowski and Sharon Buncy; **Glass Art:** Dave Holland (no second place); **Collections:** Rick Stebbins and Cary Harless; **Crocheting:** Peggy Timmerman and Jan Taylor; **Knitting:** Nancy Brown (first and second); **Latchwork:** Stephanie Russell and Sharon Feinauer; **Leather Craft:** Michael DelGrecco (no second place); **Macrame:** Leslie Blakesley and Doris Byrd; **Metalwork:** Chet Kucyn and Tony Rutigliano; **Needlepoint:** Grace Brown and Lorraine Padich; **Artistic — misc.:** Wayne Kay and Leon Green; **Photography:** John Spades and Ray Ryan; **Planes — Flying:** Gil Stallings and Wayne Kay; **Planes — Non-flying:** Leonard Zipp and Bob Van de Griek; **Pottery:** Bill Schang (first and second); **Sewing — Hobby:** Peggy Timmerman (first and second); **String Art:** Brian Ruhman and Bennie Hampton; **Woodcarving/wood craft:** Steve Wisman and Brian Ruhman; **Shell Craft:** Sharon Buncy and Charles Glynn.

calendar

Aikido Club: every Mon. and Wed., 5:15 p.m., GAA bldg.; for sport and self-defense; L.I. Aikido Federation; all Grumman employees welcome. B. Bauman, Ext. 3013

Alcoholics Anonymous: every Mon., 4:30 p.m., Pl. 15, conference room C, closed meetings; Personnel Relations, Ext. 3521; Calverton: Chemical Dependency Discussion Group, every Mon., 4-5 p.m., Hdg. Bldg.; open meeting. C. Robb, Ext. 117-6526

Amateur Radio Club: every 3rd Wednesday of the month. Wed., July 15, Pl. 5 mezzanine conference rooms A & B. D. Townes, Ext. 2889

Coin Club: (Calverton) every Fri., noon lunch, Pl. 6 conference room. W. Kondratowicz, Ext. 6680

Dance Club: every Wed., 5-8 p.m., Recreation bldg. Guests welcome. G. Cupolo, Ext. 4155

Fencing Club: every Wed., 4:30-6:00 p.m., Recreation bldg. Guests welcome. J. Hayne, Ext. 5556/P. Chaldaris, Ext. 3638

Folk Dancer's Club: (Calverton) every Thurs., 2nd floor, Pl. 6, lunchtime, Grumman employees only. J. Hamelman, Ext. 117-6835

French Club: Tues., July 14 and Tues., July 28, 123 Grohmans Lane, Plainview, 5:30 p.m. Guests welcome. L. Kaufman, Ext. 2323

GACE Flying Club: Mon., July 13, Recreation bldg., 5 p.m. Regular monthly meeting. Guests welcome. R. Reisch, Ext. 5967

Grumman Disabled American Vets Club: Fri., July 10, Sun Ming Restaurant, Huntington, second anniversary dinner at 8 p.m. Guest of Honor will be Anthony Casamento, recipient of the Congressional Medal of Honor. T. Melia, Ext. 4750

Karate Club: every Tues. and Thurs., Recreation bldg., beginners 4:30 to 5:30 p.m., advanced 5:30 to 7:00 p.m., black belt instructors, physical and mental development; guests welcome. T. Ortiz, Ext. 4764

Klown Klub: Tues., July 14, Recreation bldg., 4 p.m. Beginners welcome. E. Murway, Ext. 4393

Model Railroad Society: every Wed., 7 p.m., Recreation bldg. Regular meeting. Guests welcome. R. Muntz, Ext. 115-6330

Motorcycle Club: Wed., July 15, Recreation bldg., 5 p.m. General meeting. K. Mann, Ext. 5195

Photography Club: Mon., July 27, Recreation bldg., 5 p.m. Guest speaker will be John Brokos of Photography Federation of Long Island. Guests welcome. D. Burdish, Ext. 115-8493

Roller Skating Club: every Thurs., Levittown Skating Rink, 7:30 to 11 p.m. Lessons 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Guests welcome. H. Denen, Ext. 2291

Ski Club: Wed., July 15, Tiki Lounge, Commack, 8:30 p.m. Summer Program, camping, canoeing etc. Guests welcome. A. Garmendia, Ext. 7819/8910

Stamp Club: First three Wed. of every month; 5-6 p.m., Pl. 35 cafeteria; trading sessions and discussions. S. Hoops, Ext. 3926/8586

Table Tennis: every Thurs., Pl. 24, 5 p.m. and every Fri., Recreation bldg., 5 p.m., also every lunch time Recreation bldg. Beginners and guests welcome. B. Fabricant, Ext. 9307

Tap Dancing Club: every Monday, Recreation bldg., 4:45 to 5:30. Beginners and guests welcome. P. Tropea, Ext. 8091

Tennis Club: Wed., July 15, Recreation bldg., Room A, 5 p.m. Beginners to advanced players welcome. J. Blumling, Ext. 5184/B. Owen, Ext. 7629

Tomcats shoot down national champions

Here's a great recipe for a baseball-less summer. Take one great defense, let it simmer long enough to develop the taste of coming from behind and garnish with an MVP.

Voila! You have cooked up the Tomcats, the Grumman varsity softball team that burned Sikorsky, the national champions, and everyone else in the Glen Cove, Long Island, Recreational Memorial Day tournament.

Grumman's pitcher, Tom Marion, was named the tournament's Most Valuable Player.

It was a hard tournament for the team, as they were very nearly eliminated early in the competition.

Their first game was against a team sponsored by Cablevision and the Fulton Street Pub, the defending champions of this tourney.

"We were trailing 8-5 going into the top of the seventh," says Tony D'Ambrosio, who plays third base, "then we scored four runs to move ahead."

The Tomcats managed to get their opponent's first batter out in the bottom of the seventh. Then, a rare event occurred.

"The next guy up hit a triple," D'Ambrosio explains. "But he missed second base. We appealed the play and the umpire said he was out. Everyone said he clearly missed the base."

Everyone except the other team, that is. They disagreed so much that they forfeited the game to Grumman.

Grumman had only two games on its schedule that Saturday and the second one was against Sikorsky. Though Grumman did knock off the national champs in the tournament, this wasn't the time they did it. In their first confrontation, the Connecticut team beat the Tomcats, 8-3.

With that loss, Grumman was in the losers' bracket. One more loss and it meant goodbye tournament. The Tomcats had to win at least three games before they could get into the finals. If they were successful, Sunday was going to be a long day. In fact, they would end up playing almost non-stop from noon until 9 p.m.

MVP. *Pitcher Tom Marion credits his teammates for his award. "If anything I threw was hit," he says, "it was caught."*

One game at a time

The day started off well for the Tomcats as they beat another Connecticut team, Devon News, 10-7.

The next game was a crucial one, because it was against the Cablevision/Fulton Street Pub team. "We wanted to win this one to prove we could beat them," says D'Ambrosio. Trailing 4-0 into the fourth inning, the Tomcats came from behind to win by the no-doubt-about-it score of 9-5.

In the third game of the day, the Tomcats had to come from behind. While Grumman played the finale of the losers' bracket, Sikorsky took the winners' bracket crown and was waiting.

Grumman faced the Ammons team, who quickly put four runs on the scoreboard and held a 4-1 lead over the Tomcats after only an inning of play.

But "We did everything right," Marion explains. Grumman knocked in nine runs to finish off Ammons' hopes for a championship. The final score was 10-6.

Now it gets tough

As Tony D'Ambrosio points out, the Grumman team had accomplished quite a bit to this point. "The highest we had ever finished in the Glen Cove tournament was third or fourth."

D'Ambrosio feels the team had nothing to lose. Though they had lost to Sikorsky in the first game, he says they all felt they had a chance. "We beat them twice in the Grumman tournament last year.

Shining stars in Glen Cove. *By nighttime on May 24 Grumman's varsity had won the Glen Cove Memorial Day Tournament. The champs are: (standing, L to R) Joe Collelouri, Mike Gallo, Frank Straub, Bob Beattie, Glen Cove Mayor Alan Parente, Larry Bates, manager Jack Keane, Bill Ostrosky, Joe Rivera, Kevin Armstrong, Don Stahl, and Steve Sciancalepore; (kneeling) Bill DeWitt, Tom Marion, Jay Johnson, coach Joe Cavalluzzo, Wayne Wright, Dom Pagnozzi and Tony D'Ambrosio. They'll be playing in the annual Grumman Invitational Tournament, which begins tonight at Cantiague Park in Hicksville.*

"I think there might have been more pressure on them."

In the first game, the Tomcats chalked up two runs in the first inning, but Sikorsky came back to tie it in the bottom of the same inning.

Until this game, Sikorsky had been averaging 16 runs a game. Until this game. The Tomcats held them scoreless after the first inning and went on to win, 6-2.

"Sometimes," says Marion, "defense has a way of taking a game away from a team. Their guys are thinking, 'What do we have to do to get a hit?' "

The Sikorsky players were asking themselves that question in the second game as well.

Though Grumman spotted their opponents three runs, they exploded for four runs in the fourth and held on to win the game, and the championship, by a 7-3 score.

"We beat one good team."

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